Your Problems

By Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a girl 16 and engaged to marry a fellow 18. I know this sounds a little young, but we are both mature for our age.

The trouble is my mother. She's making my life unbearable because she can't stand the boy. She has even turned my father against him. Every discussion ends up in a family fight with every one yelling and slamming doors. I don't know how much longer I'll be able to take it.

We want to get married. My fiance will have to go into the service in June. I can enroll in a high school and get my diploma if he gets stationed at a place near a high school. If not, I can get a job. Lots of kids manage this way and it works out fine.

If only my mother would understand that I don't care about money or luxuries. The only thing that's important is love. I have never felt this way about anyone else and neither has he. School bores me. I am more of a woman than a child. Please put this in your column if you can help me show my mother I'm right. If not, don't bother. I have enough trouble as it is.—Gwendolyn.

Dear Gwendolyn: You don't want advice. You just want me to support your stand so you can use it as ammunition against your mother. I have no comment to make, other than a request that you read the next letter.—ANN LANDERS.

A Second Thought

Dear Ann Landers. I'm not writing this letter to you. I am hoping you will print it so thousands of teenagers all over the country will give a second thought to the matter of getting married young.

Whenever I read a letter in your column from a teenager who says "I'm only 17 but I'm mature for my age" it goes through me like a knife. I used those same words when my parents begged me to wait until I was really grown up.

I was 17 and by boy friend was 19. I thought he was wonderful. I had a crush on him ever since the sixth grade. Getting married was exciting. All the kids at school envied us.

My husband went right into the service so we moved several hundred miles from home. I missed my family. Soon we discovered the kids who "envied" us were too busy going to ball games, dances and parties, to write. We felt left out.

After the novelty of being married wore off we got sick of each other. We had so little money we couldn't even go to a movie except on payday. We began to argue. I felt he'd robbed me of my girlhood fun and he threw the same argument back in my face.

He got bossy and started to quote his mother as the Big Authority on everything. I never liked his mother and this made matters worse. Soon I realized I had traded one boss (my own mother) for another (my husband)—plus his mother thrown in.

After 14 months of misery I filed for divorce and went home to my folks. Nobody said "I told you so," but they were thinking plenty. Now I'm 19 and a divorcee; too old for high school and I have no skills to handle a good job.

Sure, you kids who think you're in love can say "We're different!" Maybe you are. My older sister married when she was 16 and she said she was "different," too. She had a pair of twins after 11 months of marriage.

Divorce is out of the question for her. Now she wonders what life would have been like if she'd listened to her parents and had the fun of youth before she tied herself down to babies and a husband she doesn't love anymore.

How about it, teenagers? Does marriage still look so romantic?—A GIRL WHO LEARNED.

Does almost everyone have a good time but you? If so, send for Ann Landers' new booklet, "How To Be Well-Liked," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

(Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

Blooming Spring Hats

Artificial but colorful flowers decorate these spring hat fashions from London. Left is a white and pink creation designed for day wear. Pillbox hat on the right is trimmed with a basket of green orchids.—(AP Photofax.)

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London Styles Revamp 'New Look' of 1949

LONDON (UPI)—A new version of the old "new look" of a decade ago is the summing-up of the spring fashion shows presented by the top London designers this week.

In the dizzy up-and-down trends of the fashion world, this year's movement for your English-style tailored suit is down.

Down a good two inches went the suit jackets of Queen Elizabeth's royal dressmaker, Norman Hartnell. His skirts dropped to 16 inches above the ground.

Other designers lowered their jackets only slightly to an inch below the hip bone. But all designers agreed on giving you back your waist with slightly-fitted jacket fronts and with half belts buckling in front. The backs of most of these world-leading English suits, however, remained loose.

Both Hartnell and LaChasse, whose designs are bought by many an American suit manufacturer, added slight padding or upper fullness to their suit jackets, quite a change from the recent skinny-shoulder look.

Royal Bride

IODE Chapter Makes $1,561

An IODE chapter that derived its name from a royal wedding day, last evening held its annual meeting in the James Bay Hotel.

The group is the 30-member Royal Bride chapter and the royal bride was the Princess Royal Mary whose wedding to the Earl of Harewood took place 38 years ago.

Reports were heard from the various officers summing up the year's activities.

NINE MEETINGS

The secretary reported that nine business meetings and seven social meetings were held during the past year.

Treasurer's reports showed receipts from various affairs totalled $1.561. The chapter held a fashion show at the Empress, the "Fiesta in Color," a card party, a draw and a rummage sale as well as a sherry party and several other fund raising events.

ADOPTED SCHOOL

Money was channelled mainly to Belmont Junior-Senior High School, the chapter's adopted school. Two $100 bursaries were awarded to senior students, Harry White and Diana Nelson now enrolled in Victoria College. A Citizenship trophy was awarded to Miss Bunny Jacobsen. Grade 12 students received book prizes and the chapter's Christmas present to the school was a set of remedial reading texts. In all, $354 was sent to the school.

Another sum, $175 was sent to the CNIB Villas on Humboldt Street towards the water garden, part of Municipal chapter's centennial project.

MORE THAN $100

Thus the new executive will start with little more than $100 in the bank.

When the annual reports had been read and adopted, the retiring regent, Mrs. L. Muirhead handed over her signature of office—the gavel—to the new regent, Mrs. W. P. McColl.

Backing up Mrs. McColl as executive is first vice-regent, Mrs. H. N. Parrott; second vice-regent, Mrs. J. G. Heggie; secretary, Mrs. J. T. Dunn; treasurer, Mrs. E. A. Crane; Echoes, Mrs. S. Fuoco; standard bearer, Miss Helene Stevens; services at home and abroad, Mrs. I. R. Burrows and assistant secretary, Mrs. F. E. Gray.

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The Afternoon Branch of Christ Church Cathedral WA will hold a business and study meeting on Monday, in the Memorial Hall at 2.30 p.m.

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